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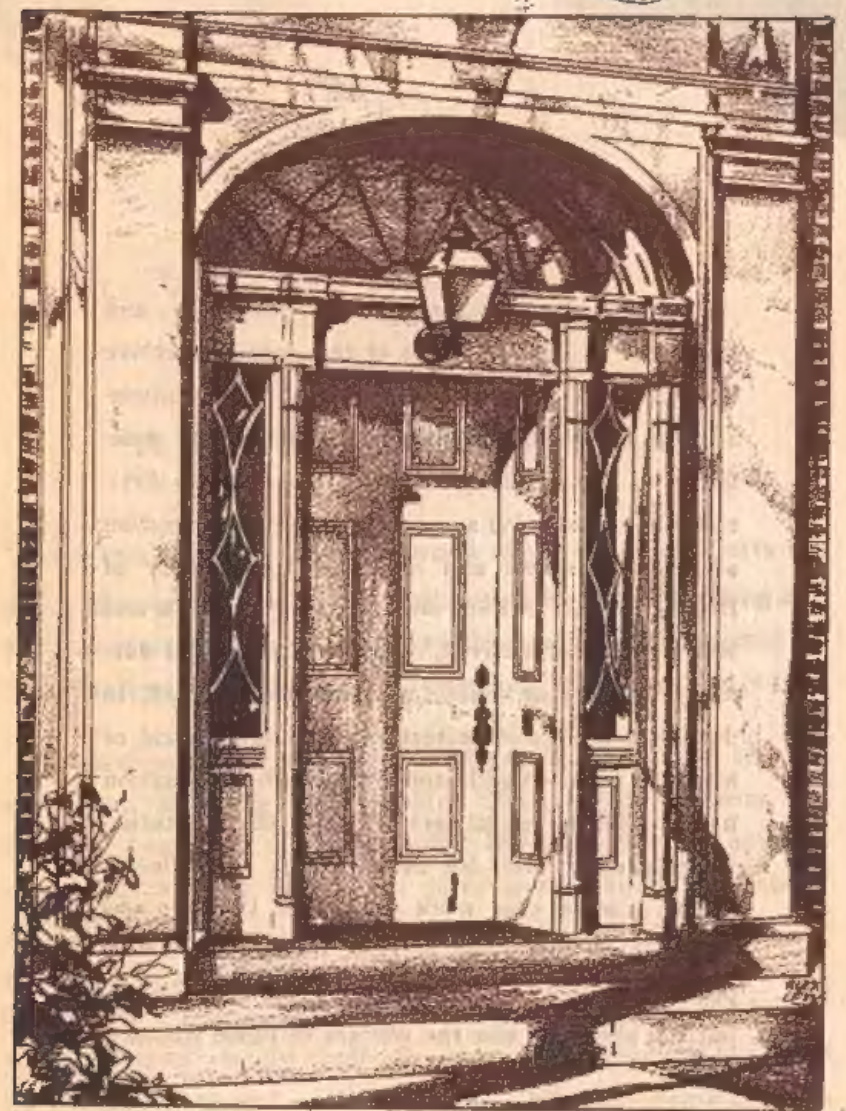
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FOREWORD

Ingleside Home . . . yesterday . . . today . . . and tomorrow . . . is the theme of this commemorative booklet issued on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary of service to Buffalo and surrounding communities. Among its purposes as stated in its Articles of Incorporation as a not-for-profit organization are, "To establish and maintain in the City of Buffalo a home or lying-in hospital, where girls and women may be received, cared for and treated during pregnancy or during or after delivery and, to develop a service of protection, training, medical or aftercare for such girls and women whose situation necessitates the social service which the institution is prepared to offer for their care . . ." Ingleside Home, a social case work agency for the care and guidance of unmarried parents, interprets its purposes to answer the problems of the day, always putting above all else the welfare of those whom it serves.

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Ingleside Home



A STORY OF UNDERSTANDING

Ingleside Home—In 1869 a dream of service in the hearts and minds of a small group of far-seeing women to relieve suffering and want among members of their sex—this year (1944) observes its 75th Anniversary of service, guidance, and helpful understanding.

This dream was born in a series of meetings during the summer months of 1869 in the home of Mrs. George Chapin Stearns, 205 Linwood Avenue. At that time Buffalo had a population of approximately 130,000, and along with other eastern cities was rapidly expanding after the Civil War. The rapid growth of mercantile and industrial establishments presented new social problems to the community . . . especially among certain classes of women. Meeting these problems was the challenge realized, accepted and answered by the committee, and on September 27, 1869, a certificate of incorporation was drawn up to provide for, "A Society to be called the Ingleside Home for the Erring."

The certificate was approved by the Secretary of State on October 16, 1869 and bore the signatures of the following Buffalo women leaders: Mary R. Stearns, Susan Guild, Persis M. Otis, Ann M. Haines, Charlotte E. Lewis, Sarah A. Robson, Lucia M. Seymour, Elizabeth Clark, Anna McPherson, Ellen Wilkes, Sarah J. Wilson, Marie Webster and Anna Walbridge.



Thus did Ingleside Home come into being. Mrs. Stearns was elected the first president and for over twenty years guided the destiny of the organization in its care for a miscellaneous population. Women recently discharged from the penitentiary, sentenced by the courts, and others by force of circumstance came under its guiding influence. In the early days mothers and children as well as the very aged were among them.

First Home Secured

Ingleside's first home, a cottage at Vermont and Thirteenth Streets, came through the generosity of Mr. Joseph Guild. One year later, in 1870, a move was made to larger quarters in Virginia Street. In the following year Ingleside's services were further augmented by a State grant of funds secured by Judge Loran L. Lewis, State Senator from Erie County, and by the generous gift of a large three story brick building in Seneca Street by Mr. George W. Tift.

The next thirteen years were a period of steady growth in program and work . . . establishment of a laundry, now discontinued, was a source of added revenue and provided a place of employment for the women under its care.

Ingleside in April, 1884, to meet the growing demands, moved to its present location at 70 Harvard Place (at that time 1652 Michigan Avenue). The first building was known as the "Alberger Homestead" which, with the addition of two wings and a new barn, served the home until construction of the present building in 1929 and 1930.



Steady Growth

The decade 1920 to 1930 brought three important changes to Ingleside Home. In 1920 the organization became a member of Joint Charities and Community Fund, and in 1923 its services were modified so that the entire program was directed toward the problems of unmarried mothers and their babies. With this change a new medical staff was organized and the general program geared to meet the conditions of the day.

At that time Miss Maud Bozarth came to Ingleside as the first full-time case worker. She remained with the Home for eighteen years becoming its professional staff head and guiding a progressive program of service in the community. Her resignation as executive secretary December 31, 1942, was accepted with deep regret by the Board of Directors, for under her leadership Ingleside had kept pace with ever-changing conditions.



Present Home Built

By 1928 the work of Ingleside had again outgrown existing facilities and to meet this need with more modern equipment a special financial drive was authorized by Joint Charities for a new building fund. The special campaign ran from December 4 to 12, 1928, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Howard W. Cowan at which time Buffalo and Erie County friends of the organization subscribed \$227,000. Other members of the campaign committee appointed by Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Kate M. Hatch, then president of the Board, included: The Mesdames Raymond S. Baldwin, William R. Boocock, Ulysses L. Caudell, Charles W. Fielder, Raymond T. Fiske, C. Pascal Franchot, Charles L. Gurney, Paul Husted, Howard Kellogg, and William L. Marcy, Jr. Mr. Frank B. Baird headed a special prospects committee. With the new building assured the cornerstone was laid on October 11, 1929, and a new Ingleside Home was formally opened on October 16, 1930.

Services Extended

Opening of the new building brought an expansion of the social case work services and the most modern facilities for medical care and supervision. However, in 1935, alert to the changing conditions of the day, the Board of Directors appointed an Appraisal Committee to evaluate the organization and services of the agency.

Major changes were the adoption of a new set of by-laws providing for a non-sectarian and rotating board of women and establishment of a new arm of service to the community . . . the development of boarding homes for unmarried mothers and their babies . . . and further expansion in case work. The decisions of this appraisal committee are the master pattern for Ingleside's forward looking policy today. This committee was composed of professional social workers, Miss Bozarth, then superintendent at Ingleside, and the following members of the Board: Mesdames Raymond S. Baldwin, Clifford Hubbell, Frank St. John Sidway, Charles Ellis, Thomas Wheeler, Max Becker, and John Suor.

Further Expansions

From April, 1937 until June, 1938, a downtown office at 259 Delaware Avenue made consultation facilities available away from the institution. Additionally it helped to acquaint the public with the case work of the Home and served to strengthen relationships of the organization with other social agencies. At this time arrangements were completed with the University of Buffalo School of Social Work for a student in training to be assigned to work with the staff social worker.

In 1939 the storing and dispensing of mothers' milk, a service which had been established in 1924, was transferred to the Children's Hospital. The enterprise had been of tremendous benefit to premature and ill babies of Buffalo and vicinity. Ingleside was among the first organizations in the country to freeze the milk for storage purposes.



A Program of Help

Thus Ingleside Home reaches its 75th birthday, administered, as through the years, by a progressive Board and a capable professional staff. From the very beginning Ingleside's first thought has been the ultimate happiness and well-being of its clients. But with experience comes additional wisdom which today sees at Ingleside not only shelter and expert medical care, but a program of help that has become an integral part of the community, influencing public opinion, constantly augmenting its services, and opening the doors of opportunity to all whom it serves.

OUR HOME

Ingleside's present three story Tudor style building of red brick epitomizes the spirit of the Home . . . one of security and warm-hearted understanding. Located in a secluded residential section of the city surrounded by lawns, trees, and flower gardens, this newest home, built in 1929 and 1930, furnishes the most modern facilities for the comfort, recreation, and constructive care of those who accept its services of helpful aid.

The first floor contains the offices of administration, reception, recreation and dining rooms for residents and staff, staff sleeping quarters, a kitchen and a chapel. On the second floor are nineteen individual sleeping rooms, each attractively decorated, furnished, and completely equipped. Here also are located a fifteen bassinet nursery, bathing and feeding rooms, an isolation nursery, recreation room, and hospital unit. The hospital contains two wards of six and two beds respectively, a modern delivery room, a six bassinet nursery, and formula kitchen.

Additional staff rooms, a six bed dormitory for girls, and fourteen individual sleeping rooms, similar to those on the second floor, complete the third floor plan. Laundry facilities are in the basement.

Among these surroundings . . . ideal and complete in every respect . . . each mother and each baby are aided in building their future welfare and security.

HOW WE HELP

Answering the question, "What is best for both mother and child," without regard to race, color or creed, is the keynote of Ingleside's relationship with any and all who seek its counsel . . . a far cry from its first years when the pattern of social case work was best described by the word, "reform." Today's aim is the counseling of both parents . . . the youth and girl . . . the man and woman concerned.

The many problems flooding the mind of the unmarried mother-to-be: her physical condition . . . should she or should she not keep the baby? . . . her relationship with the father . . . her own family's attitude . . . and the girl's own feelings . . . are all carefully considered. Establishment of trust and friendly understanding is foremost in Ingleside's approach to each individual. Through private conferences the case worker brings about a confidential, intimate and understanding relationship with the expectant mother, and many times with others deeply interested in the situation. As confidence is established a complete picture of the girl's general health, emotional, psychological, and material needs is secured so that the program to be suggested answers the problems of the individual case. Psychiatric service is secured when it is needed and desired.

Individual Counsel

No hard and fast rules of procedure are laid down so that each case is treated individually in order to protect the happiness and well being of all concerned. In some instances girls remain with their families, relatives, or friends, using only the case work services of Ingleside.



The baby's future is decided upon only after the mother feels that the proposed solution is best for them both. If she decides to keep her child whatever advice and counsel are necessary to help them become established is given . . . sometimes in cooperation with another agency. If either adoption or temporary separation from the mother has been considered the better course, the situation is referred to a public or private agency specializing in that field. In one year seventy-four of one hundred thirty-four babies were placed in either temporary or permanent homes through these co-operating public and private social work organizations.

Ingleside does not limit itself to working with girls who either can or cannot pay for their own care. Financial arrangements are made on an individual basis with the assumption that, when possible, boarding and hospital expenses at an established rate will be paid through the individual's own resources.



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HOW WE LIVE

Life at Ingleside Home reflects the friendly atmosphere, staff, and counsel which the organization has at its disposal. House rules are those deemed essential to a smooth running household with the routine based solely on the needs of the group.

Duties of the Home are performed on a share the work basis with each girl being assigned . . . after a thorough medical examination . . . to tasks in keeping with her general health and physical condition. Heavier duties are performed by paid employees.

Residents at Ingleside also have an active part in governing the house through their elected representatives. Other representatives working with staff members help to carry out the recreational program which includes parties, various speakers, movies, and other entertainment features. Classes in handicraft, sewing, and various household arts are maintained. For those girls still in school, arrangements with the Buffalo Board of Education allow them to keep up with their classes. Frequent visiting hours encourage family relationships whenever possible and help make the girl feel less "cut-off" from the outside world.

Protestant services are held on Sunday and at other designated times in the Chapel of the Home and Catholic girls have the services of a priest from the parish church which they are encouraged to attend.

Ingleside's program is designed to include in the correct proportions work responsibilities as well as the religious, social, and recreational needs of its family.

OUR MEDICAL PROGRAM

Ingleside's medical program, directed by a volunteer staff of competent physicians . . . specialists in obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, internal medicine and other fields . . . assures the physical well-being of mother and child. The chief obstetrician directs a rotating obstetrical service and in addition there are two internists who rotate their service, a pediatrician, and two dentists. Additionally consultants in orthopedics, ophthalmology, dermatology, and surgery are available whenever necessary. Four full-time nurses are members of the paid staff.

The prospective mother is given a complete medical, dental, and obstetrical examination as soon as she decides to let Ingleside help to solve her problems. Medical and obstetrical clinics are held each week and examinations for venereal infections are routine procedure for the protection of all. Facilities of the State and City health departments and other hospitals are available to the Ingleside medical staff at all times. The medical program offers complete prenatal and postnatal care and supervision to guard the health of mother and baby.

All babies receive a complete medical examination as soon after birth as possible and mothers who have chosen to keep their babies are given a course in infant care and feeding. Personal hygiene is taught individually and through provision of adequate facilities for cleanliness. In a word everything possible is done to provide mother and baby with a clean bill of health, and the correct start into their new life's chapter.



BOARDING HOMES

In keeping with individualizing the program of care and guidance for each girl who comes to Ingleside, the Home provides both institutional and boarding home service. Assignment to boarding homes is done on a selective and limited scale so that perhaps Ingleside has a greater amount of success than if it were done as a larger project.

The boarding or foster home answers a real need when the girl makes poor adjustment to the institutional life. Boarding homes are usually most successful in helping the individual girl when she is very young; needs protection from other girls from her own community; or has never known a desirable family life and would benefit from observing normal family relationships. Additionally the boarding home is useful as a long-time living arrangement for mother and child when it is not possible to arrive at a suitable arrangement for mother and baby in her own family or social group.

Boarding home care is an integral part of the casework treatment in bringing about the permanent wellbeing and happiness of mother and child . . . the keynote of Ingleside's interpretation of service to the community and the individual girl.

INGLESIDE HOME TOMORROW

Steeped in a rich, progressive heritage, Ingleside Home envisions the wartime and postwar problems which must lie ahead as still another challenge for greater aid to the community which it has served through war and peace, good times and bad, for Seventy-five years.

As a Joint Charities agency in peace and a War Fund agency in war, Ingleside has kept pace with the changing life of its city. Your contribution to the Joint Charities and Community Fund makes up the operating deficit at Ingleside thus guaranteeing an essential service available to all in every walk of life. Through the years from the time when Buffalo was a relatively small city of only 130,000 people until today a metropolis of nearly 600,000 men, women and children of every race, color and creed, Ingleside has kept the faith of service and understanding to all. On this, its 75th Anniversary, with the continued support of a sympathetic public, the Board of Directors and Staff renew this pledge for the years ahead.



FORM OF BEQUEST

I,, give and bequeath to THE INGLESIDE HOME, situated in the City of Buffalo, incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of

..... Dollars, in trust, to be applied for the use and benefit of INGLESIDE HOME.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements Year Ending December 31, 1943

Balance January 1, 1943 \$ 1,119.90

RECEIPTS:

Joint Charities	\$18,400.00	
Board—General	7,749.15	
Board—County Treasurer	4,731.81	
Board—Foster Homes	99.15	
Rent	50.00	
Interest	461.64	
Accounts Receivable—Joint Charities	1,440.00	32,931.75
		<u>\$34,051.65</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries and Wages	\$19,167.66	
Medicine and Hospital Expense	1,426.13	
Food	5,803.32	
Miscellaneous	260.77	
Laundry and Cleaning Supplies	289.85	
Household Furnishings	500.75	
Repairs, Replacements	476.89	
Auto Maintenance	113.31	
Clothing, Dry Goods	107.14	
Electricity, Gas, Water	812.75	
Telephone	572.25	
Office Maintenance	209.73	
Social Workers' Expense	51.36	
Insurance	574.31	
Special Relief	80.37	
Coal	1,070.51	
Foster Home Board	334.50	
Dues, Memberships	145.00	
Repairs to Building	97.57	
Professional Fees	125.75	32,219.95

Balance December 31, 1943 \$ 1,831.70

ELIZABETH P. WILLIAMS,
Treasurer.

SERVICES PROVIDED

January 1, 1943 to January 1, 1944

- 232 applications were received.
- 205 girls received care in the Home.
- 176 girls were discharged from the Home.
- 134 babies were discharged as follows:
 - 56 remained with their mothers.
 - 4 went to the home of relatives.
 - 13 were placed for board in institutions in Erie County.
 - 15 were transferred to hospitals.
 - 8 were discharged to foster homes under supervision of the Erie County Department of Social Welfare.
 - 2 were discharged to foster homes licensed by the New York State Department of Social Welfare.
 - 1 was discharged to a foster home under supervision of the Jewish Welfare Society of Buffalo.
 - 14 were discharged to foster homes under the supervision of the Children's Aid Society of Buffalo.
 - 21 were discharged to foster homes under supervision of public or private social agencies in communities outside of Erie County.
 - 8 girls were in boarding homes.
 - 14 girls secured case work services only.
- 153 girls were given continued care and service after their discharge from the Home or from a boarding home.
- 127 girls were cared for in the hospital department.
- 124 babies were delivered.

PRESIDENTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1869-1944

1869	Mrs. George Chapin Stearns
1886	Mrs. Ann M. Haines
1892	Mrs. Ellen Wilkes
1894	Mrs. I. D. White
1898	Mrs. James Hyatt Smith
1899	Mrs. George W. Farnham
1901	Mrs. W. Bowen Moore
1920	Mrs. Charles L. Gurney
1924	Mrs. Albert G. Hatch
1930	Mrs. Ulysses L. Caudell
1935	Mrs. Frank St. John Sidway
1938	Mrs. Howard W. Cowan
1941	Mrs. Michael M. Cohn

MEDICAL CHIEFS OF STAFF

1871-1944

1871	Dr. A. Shattuck
1893	Dr. George R. Stearns
1920	Dr. Irving F. Gram
1923	Dr. Francis C. Goldsborough
1937	Dr. Edward G. Winkler

Note: The year preceding each name indicates the date of election to the presidency or appointment as chief of the medical staff.

OFFICERS 1943-1944

President	Mrs. Michael M. Cohn
1st Vice-President	Mrs. Thomas B. Lockwood
Secretary	Mrs. Irving Williams, Jr.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. George F. B. Johnson
Treasurer	Mrs. Reginald V. Williams
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. F. Taylor Root

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. William Fleischman	(1900)	Mrs. Charles Gurney	(1898)
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1943-44	1943-45
Mrs. Michael M. Cohn . . . (1935)	Mrs. U. L. Caudell . . . (1910)
Mrs. Howard W. Cowan . . . (1924)	Mrs. James Cosbey . . . (1915)
Mrs. Charles H. Diefendorf . . . (1938)	Mrs. Charles Fielder . . . (1912)
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Mrs. Theodore B. Keating . . . (1941)	Mrs. Harold Hecht . . . (1942)
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Mrs. Winthrop Kent . . . (1941)	Mrs. George F. Rand . . . (1939)
Mrs. J. Edmund Kelly . . . (1943)	Mrs. Harold E. Rieckelman . . . (1944)
Mrs. Thomas B. Lockwood . . . (1938)	Mrs. John L. Rochester . . . (1942)
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1943-46	1943-46
Mrs. Louis L. Berger . . . (1940)	Mrs. F. Taylor Root . . . (1941)
Mrs. Alfred H. Clark . . . (1943)	Miss Anna D. Strong . . . (1941)
Mrs. Robert P. Dobbie . . . (1943)	Mrs. Franklin C. Weber . . . (1943)
Mrs. Charles C. Ellis . . . (1943)	Mrs. Knazeland B. Wilkes . . . (1939)
Mrs. Raymond T. Fiske . . . (1919)	Mrs. Reginald V. Williams . . . (1939)

MEDICAL STAFF

Dr. Edward G. Winkler, Chief of Obstetrical Service
 Dr. Robert E. O'Connor, Assistant attending obstetrician
 Dr. Charles Woepfel, Assistant attending obstetrician
 Dr. Chester Kaminski, Assistant attending obstetrician
 Dr. Theodore C. Fleming, Attending Internist
 Dr. William F. Lipp, Attending Internist
 Dr. A. Wilmot Jacobsen, Pediatrician
 Dr. Herbert H. Bauckus, Dermatologist
 Dr. Leon J. Leahy, Surgeon
 Dr. Frank N. Potts, Orthopedic Surgeon
 Dr. William M. Howard, Ophthalmologist
 Dr. D'Arcy McGregor, Attending in Rhino-Laryngology

Dr. Eugene J. North, Dentist
 Dr. John M. Christensen, Dentist

MEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Charles Gurney, Chairman	Mr. Howard W. Cowan
Mr. Robert C. Common	Mr. Charles H. Diefendorf
Mr. Thomas R. Wheeler	

Note: The date following each member of the Board indicates the first year of election.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Executive Secretary (Mrs.) Lottie S. Levi
House Superintendent Mrs. Theodora A. Curtin
Head Nurse Medora Mossman, R. N.
Case Worker Elinor Mullen
Case Worker Jane Masterson
Dietitian Mrs. Maude Heineman
Office Secretary Marie E. Rowley

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